

**Whereas**, as the 2002-2003 school year draws to a close, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to applaud the career achievements of those individuals who are retiring from the field of education; and

**Whereas**, the Stockton R-I School District is losing a valuable member of its faculty on May 21, 2003, with the retirement of Martha Friend, who has devoted many years of her life to the education of this state's young citizens through tireless endeavors as a teacher; and

**Whereas**, Martha Friend has worked for thirteen years at Stockton R-I, where she is held in high esteem as a former middle school counselor and in her current position as a seventh and eighth grade English teacher; and

**Whereas**, deeply committed to the great cause of learning, Martha Friend has also served as a Scholar Bowl Coach and a Spelling Bee Coordinator while at Stockton R-I and as an English teacher while employed in the Missouri communities of Purdy, Greenfield, Dadeville, and Adrian; in the East Newton School District; and in Gravette, Arkansas; and

**Whereas**, so many young Missourians have left the classrooms of Stockton R-I fully prepared to face the challenges ahead as a result of the outstanding professional endeavors of Martha Friend; and

**Whereas**, Martha Friend derives a tremendous amount of spiritual fulfillment through her affiliation with Main Street Baptist Church, where she serves as a Sunday school teacher; and

**Whereas**, Martha Friend has been blessed with the love and support of a wonderful family whose members include her husband, Danny Friend, and two daughters, Julie West and Sarah Friend:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join the Stockton R-I School District in expressing appreciation for the unparalleled service that Martha Friend has rendered to Missouri's children and in wishing her the long, fruitful, and enjoyable retirement that she so justly deserves; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Martha Friend, as a measure of our esteem for her.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Ronnie Miller  
District No. 133

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 3034, adopted May 20, 2003.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker